

KING JEFFERSON
Poet of the middle west

YULETIDE BEANS.

By King Jefferson.

Above the holocaust of war
That devastates fair Europe's glen,
There steals a message faint and far,
Of "Peace on earth, good-will to
men."

Above the cold, deliberate,
Fixed murder of our manhood blood
A fervor, freed of blood and hate,
Sends Christman weal and gratitude.

And brighter than the sparkling gem
Of Venus on her stella call,
The world-famed Star of Bethlehem
To lustre sheds about us all.

From longitude of all degrees,
From latitude to latitude,
Our Christman gifts and Christman
trees
Spell Christman love and gratitude.

Not steel-burn guns, not dynamite,
Nor high explosive shells that kill
Can lessen our religious light,
Nor dim December's Christman thrill.

The mantled snow on hill and rill,
The sage old Borealis brews,
Borneo'd by the snow-bird's trill,
Leads forth to the yuletide views.

The ringing vespers' sacred din,
The mistletoe and cedar green
Shine our home to usher in
The birthday of the Nazarene.

We consecrate with song and pray'r,
And alter many common ways,
To celebrate with humble air
This holiest of holidays.

The Prince of Peace—the young Mes-
siah,
A host of votaries rehearse,
The evening star, the morning choir,
Entail a Saviour's anniverse.

The heraldies and mingling chime,
Whose rhythmic flow inspire with
mirth,
Proclaim an event most sublime
Down all the annals of the earth.

Our paens of ecstasy, our theme
Of thanksgiving, the fete and feast,
Revels, like some familiar dream,
The Wise Men's journey through the
East.

And how the fair Madonna found
A mangled refuge for her tryst,
Where costly gifts were poured around
The birthplace of the infant Christ.
And Santa Claus, whose mythic arts
The sweep of centuries survive,
Makes merry all the children's hearts
And keeps their Christmas faith alive.

Master of fate, whose breath decrees
This universe of war and woe,
Grant to us all our Christman trees,
And fan our Christman fires aglow.

**BIG MASS MEETING OF CHICAGO
PREACHERS WILL BE HELD
MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER
24TH, AT THE FIRST METHODIST
CHURCH, WASHINGTON AND
CLARK STREETS.**

There is to be a great mass meeting
of Chicago clergymen, colored and
white, Jew and gentile, priest and
preacher, in the Methodist Church,
Clark and Washington streets, Monday
morning, December 24th, at 10:30 a. m.,
to be addressed by Dr. John Dill Robertson.

Dr. Robertson will exhibit the charts
which give the result of that great sur-
vey which has recently been made,
showing the prevalence and distribution
of tuberculosis throughout Chicago. Dr.
W. A. Evans, formerly Health Commis-
sioner, says it is the most monumental
triumph in the drive against the
"White Plague," which has ever been
accomplished.

There will be a flash taken of the
meeting and sent all over the world
in motion pictures. Admission free,
everybody welcome.

Rev. John P. Brushingham, the able
secretary of the Morals Commission, de-
serves great credit for planning the
meeting, which will be highly instruc-
tive and interesting.

Dr. J. N. Harper, the well known suc-
cessful dentist, is still holding forth at
No. 8 East Thirty-seventh street, where
he is well equipped to care for the dental
needs of both old and new patrons.

THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE OF
THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DE-
FENSE AND THE WOMAN'S COM-
MITTEE STATE COUNCIL OF DE-
FENSE ARE STILL DOING GREAT
WORK.

Protect Illinois Mothers.

Miss Julia C. Lathrop of the Chil-
dren's Bureau of the Department of
Labor at Washington has asked the co-
operation of Illinois women in her pro-
gram to protect women and save the
children of the country during the war.
The bureau has made an extensive study
of the problems of child birth both
here and abroad during the war. She
says, "Last year 15,000 mothers and
300,000 children under 5 years of age
died. Most of the deaths were prevent-
able."

"The understanding is growing in
the U. S. that permanent success in re-
ducing infant mortality can be achieved
only in connection with the protection
of mothers."

A program for the U. S. should in-
clude no less than:

Public health nurses who should be
available for instruction and service as
are the public school teachers and other
public officials.

Instruction in schools and universities
covering the field of hygiene for mothers
and children.

Conference centers at county seats or
elsewhere, affording convenient oppor-
tunity to secure examination of well
children and expert advice as to their
best development.

Adequate confinement care.

Hospital facilities made available for
mothers and children.

Miss Lathrop, who is herself an Illi-
nois woman, has asked that the Woman's
Committee of the State Council
give publicity to this matter and assist
in every way possible in carrying out
this program in Illinois.

To Keep Churches Open During Cold
Weather.

The Social Service Department of
the Woman's Committee of the State
Council is exerting every effort to have
the churches kept open during the cold
weather. A great deal of suffering was
reported to the Executive Council be-
cause families were not able to keep
their homes warm on account of the
shortage of coal. It seemed advisable,
therefore, to make arrangements to keep
the schools and other community centers
open, especially during the holidays
when the children are not spending a
large part of their time in the heated
school houses.

War Savings Certificates.

Mr. Martin Ryerson, chairman of the
War Savings Certificate work for Illi-
nois, has asked the co-operation of the
women in the Liberty Loan drive. The
War Savings Certificate is to be hand-
led by the same machinery as the
Liberty Loan, augmented and com-
pleted. The object of these certificates
is to encourage saving among the peo-
ple of America for their own benefit.
Savings stamps will be on sale at any
post office at 25c. Five dollars' worth
of these stamps may be exchanged for
a War Saving Certificate. These will
be issued in amounts up to \$1,000. They
will be redeemable in cash in any post
office at any time.

Draft Questionnaires.

A questionnaire of sixteen pages of
printed matter is bewildering to a man
who does not understand English very
well, yet such a questionnaire has been
sent by the Government to every one
of the men who have been called in the
next draft and must be filled out. The
Social Service Department of the Woman's
Committee, has secured a good many
volunteers who do understand
English to help the foreign men make
out their questionnaires, and with such
success that the department recommends
that this be done all over the state.
"This work," said Mrs. Charlotte Kuh
of the Social Service department, "not
only assists the government in getting
these questionnaires, which are so im-
portant in the intelligent carrying out
of the draft plan, correctly answered,
but also offers an opportunity of inter-
preting America to the foreign inhabi-
tants, and makes the men feel sure that
they are getting their rights under the
law."

Loyalty Christmas Candy.

Wednesday, the twelfth, was the day
on which the three prizes were awarded
for the best recipes for candy made
without cane or beet sugar. The first
prize was awarded to Mrs. Stella M.
Hubbell, Englewood High School, Chi-
cago, and is as follows:

Honey Caramels.—1 cup of milk, ¼
cup of honey, ¾ cup of corn syrup, one
teaspoon corn oil, a speck of salt.

Heat the honey, corn syrup and salt
to the boiling point. Add the milk
gradually, stirring constantly. When
the mixture becomes thick, add the corn
oil and cook until it forms a firm, soft
ball when tested in cold water. Turn
into a buttered pan and cut in squares
when cold. Any kinds of nut meats
can be added just before taking from
the fire.

The second prize was given to Mrs.
John D. Wild, 5344 Dorchester avenue,
Chicago, for

Pecan Brittle.—1 cup maple syrup,
pecan meats.

Boil until it crackles in cold water.
Pour enough over nuts placed in greased
tins to hold them together.

The third prize was awarded Miss

DR. LOUIE USSELMANN



**DR. LOUIE USSELMANN, THE
LEADING STATE STREET JEW-
ELER, HAS HIS STORE BEAUTI-
FULLY DECORATED FOR THE
HOLIDAY SEASON.**

Dr. Louie Usselmann, who conducts
one of the finest jewelry stores on the
South Side at 3150 S. State street, has
for the past two weeks been busily en-
gaged in having all the furnishings and
fixings in his store repolished and
brightened up from end to end and on
Saturday evening the Christmas or the
holiday decorations were completed,
which causes his establishment, with
its hanging Christmas bells and with
other trappings which are pleasing to
the eye, to look like a thing of beauty,
and when it is illuminated in the even-
ings, with its many beautiful electric
lamps, one almost feels that they are
in fairyland.

Dr. Louie carries a large and varied
stock of high-class jewelry of every de-
scription, including diamonds, which
cannot be surpassed for Christmas or
holiday presents. Everything will be
sold at the very lowest possible figures
and whether you buy or not, he heartily
invites you to call in and inspect his
stock.

Dr. Louie, has donated free of charge,
as has been his custom for the past
eight years, the two beautiful diamond
rings which will be given away at the
eighth annual original essay contest,
which will be held at St. Mark M. E.
church, 50th and S. Wabash avenue,
Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 2:30
o'clock, subject: "What Will be the
Status of the Negro in the World's
Democracy?"

Dr. Louie desires at this time to ex-
tend the holiday greetings to his many
friends and customers.

Alice Reddemann, 2636 Lake View
avenue, Chicago, for

Maple Sugar Candy.—1 pound maple
sugar, ½ cup milk, 1 cup ground nut
meats.

Chop sugar. Boil in milk and sugar
together until it will form a ball in cold
water. Take off stove and beat it until
it starts to cream. Add the nuts,
stirring them in thoroughly. Serve
plain or roll in cocoanut.

These recipes and others of merit,
about thirty in all, will be printed and
will be sent to anyone who wishes them
for 15 cents and postage. Address Miss
Lucy Smith, Woman's Committee, C. N. D.,
120 West Adams St., Chicago.

THE JACKSON JEWELRY SHOP.

Mr. C. J. Jackson, proprietor of the
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what a Colored man can do in any line
of business that he devotes his time and
attention to. There can be seen at Mr.
Jackson's place the finest display of
holiday goods to be seen on the South
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that of the best jewelers in the loop
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to individuals and organizations for
worthy effort than all other jewelers on
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sive business men, who takes part in all
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ESSAY CONTEST AT ST. MARK'S
LARGELY ATTENDED.

By William H. Clark.

"What Will Be the Status of the
Negro in the World's Democracy?" was
the subject of the eighth annual essay
contest by the colored literary societies
of this city on last Sunday afternoon
at St. Mark's M. E. Church, 50th street
and Wabash avenue. The program was
rendered under the auspices of St.
Mark's Lyceum, the literary depart-
ment of this church.

The occasion proved to be the event
of the season in the literary activities
of the Colored people of Chicago. It
was attended by an overflow audience.
Long before the program was well under
way the house was packed to full ca-
pacity and the doors had to be closed
against a large number still clamoring
for admission to listen to the eloquent
oration of some of Chicago's most bril-
liant minds descending upon a topic of
national import, and especially of great
interest to the more than ten million
Colored sons and daughters of America.
The subject was accepted by many as
a kind of prophecy of the ultimate out-
come of the bloody conflict between
democracy and autocracy and furnished
food for sane and serious thought upon
the question of whether material or
moral ideals shall be the controlling
factor in shaping man's destiny.

Men, women, boys and girls from
every walk of life turned out, gowned
in their best, to honor the affair with
their presence, and add their bit to the
advancement of movements for human
righteousness. Every age, from grand-
fathers to babies, and from courtiers
down to pages, turned out and feasted
upon the intellectual dainties served
by the participants. The program be-
gan with the song, "All Hail the Power
of Jesus' Name" and closed with the
national anthem, "America." The
musical part of the program was ren-
dered by Miss Alpha Bratton, Mrs. J.
W. Thomas, Mr. Harrison Emanuel,
Prof. Gosette and Miss Virginia
Murry. Each acquitted themselves with
distinction.

The participants in the essay contest
were Mrs. Johanna Snowden-Porter, Mr.
Henry Edward Humphrey, Miss Pearl
Tate, Mr. Irvin A. Jackson, Mrs. H. A.
Watkins, Mr. David H. Bowen, Mrs.
Clara M. Bramlette and Mr. W. L.
Sherrill.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. H. A.
Watkins and Mr. W. L. Sherrill, which
consisted of diamond rings, donated by
Dr. Louie Usselmann, one of Chicago's
leading jewelers.

Each of the papers contained an elab-
orate review of the part played by the
Negro in the advancement of civiliza-
tion in every line of activity. His
struggles and achievements were dealt
with in detail and his present status
was portrayed in a manner that brought
sunbeams of brightest hope for his fu-
ture welfare.

The Fortnightly Ten, a woman's club
of the West Side, presented living pic-
tures and a musical program at the
Fulton Street M. E. Church, Rev. H. M.
Carroll, pastor, on Monday evening, De-
cember 17th, for Christmas boxes for
West Side soldiers at Camp Logan and
Camp Grant. The program was a great
success, and was well attended. A suffi-
cient sum was realized so all of the
boys of the old Eighth Regiment and
of the new army at the two camps men-
tioned will receive something at Christ-
mas time to remind them that they are
remembered by the folks at home.

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Alderman LOUIS B. ANDERSON,
in the midst of the Holidays takes
this occasion to heartily extend the
Season's Greetings to his constituents
and many friends residing in the Sec-
ond Ward, in other parts of the city
and throughout the country: